

**MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 26, 2001**

**Members Present:**

Dr. James McLaughlin	Dr. Michael Ward
Dr. Garth Gemar (Chair)	Dr. Robert Vavrick
Dr. Marc Levison	Dr. Peter W. Vann
Dr. Michael R. Gray	Dr. Harvey W. Meislin
Dr. Wendy Ann Lucid	
Dr. John H. Raife Jr.	

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Barry A. Kriegsfield  
Dr. Frank Walter

**Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Kay Lewis, R.N., Ph.D.  
Richard Thomas, Pharm.D.

**BEMS Staff Present:**

Dona Marie Markley  
Robin Clark  
Peggy Lahren  
Karen Nelson  
Susan Nicolas  
Donna DeSimone  
Larry Lorenzen

**Guests Present:**

David Leinenveber  
Mark Venuti  
Dr. John Gallagher  
Kevin Barlow  
Janine Anderson  
Roy Ryals  
Brian Smith  
Dr. Toni Brophy  
Barbara Glickman-Williams  
Jim Roeder

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Medical Direction Commission was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman Dr. Gemar. A quorum was present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dr. Vann, seconded by Dr. Lucid, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2000 meeting. Motion carried.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dr. Gemar gave a committee membership report (a copy of the Chairman's Report is available through the Bureau).

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. RSI/MAI Curriculum** - a motion was made by Dr. Raife, seconded by Dr. Gray to accept the protocol as is and to move forward to the Director the NAEMSP position paper on RSI as well. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Ward, seconded by Dr. Vann to approve that the Commission recommend that the Director approve the implementation of the pilot project as designed but with paramedic education to begin immediately upon the

okay of the Director, with actual use of the technique to begin at such time designated by the Director in consultation with this commission. The Director will be made aware of the issues regarding the Combitube (optional vs required) and will pass judgement on this device. Motion carried.

- B. Amiodarone** - A motion was made by Dr. McLaughlin, seconded by Dr. Gray that the Medical Direction Commission recommend Amiodarone not be allowed on the drug boxes at this time. Motion Carried.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Procainamide** - A motion was made by Dr. Lucid, seconded by Dr. McLaughlin that Procainamide not be included on the drug box. Motion Carried.
- B. Vasopressin** - A motion was made by Dr. Lucid, seconded by Dr. Ward that Vasopressin not be included on the ALS drug box. Motion Carried.
- C. Merits of ACLS vs. Emergency Cardiac Care** - A motion was made by Dr. McLaughlin, seconded by Dr. Lucid that the Medical Direction Commission support the curriculum thus changed and the rules package described in Attachment #2.

A friendly amendment was made by Dr. Meislin, seconded by Dr. Lucid to approve with changes on the curriculum page 9 VII b. to remove the letters ACLS and in Attachment #2 and to take out Board Certification in Emergency Medicine anywhere it appears in Attachment #2. Motion Carried.

- D. Use of epinephrine in SVN's for Pediatric patients** - Recommended taking this topic back to PMD in February and to MDC in April.

Follow up: PMD Agenda - New Business  
When: February 22, 2001

Follow up: MDC Agenda - Old Business  
When: April 27, 2001

- E. Reevaluation of Spinal Immobilization Protocols needed?** Discussed ensued regarding Spinal Immobilization Protocols on this topic. Dr. Vann will share information from task force. The Medical Direction Commission did not feel any action needed to be taken at this time.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Protocols, Medications, and Devices Committee** - Dr. Thomas reported that Dr. Richey has moved, Judy Bailey has changed employment, and they are no longer

on the committee. Dr. Charles Finch has joined the committee as representative for "Rural Base Station Medical Director or a Practitioner involved in EMS". Dr. Thomas updated the committee on the topics PMD has discussed. At the next meeting they will be discussing Guidance Documents.

**VII. CALL TO PUBLIC**

The certifying board in R9-25-209(A) and 303(A)(2) should read (ABOEM) American Board of Osteopathic Emergency Medicine instead of American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians.

Dr. Gemar asked if anyone had agenda items for the next meeting to let him know.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular of the Medical Direction Commission is scheduled for April 27, 2001.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Approved by MDC on 6/22/01